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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a home consumer who chooses to use a small local ISP over competing AT&T and Comcast. Thankfully I even have more than one option, as this industry has been hamstrung by monopoly.

I've read that there is lobbying to remove competitive ISPs from unbundled network elements, and I feel this is in direct violation of the spirit of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. If accepted, this will likely increase my cost as a consumer, and may perhaps stop me from using this smaller ISP altogether.

My ISP also provides my home phone line, which would be much more expensive through one of the larger companies, and would likely not include such great services as free long-distance, number blocking, etc.

This is a power grab by the powerful during a time of conservative government which clearly supports business over the people. Take a stand and refuse. I will be voting, and I will be sharing this information with everyone I know who puts any more thought into their ISP than how cheap their bundled cable will be for 12 months.

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